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### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTIFICATION

*New Delhi, the 22nd August, 1959.*

**No. 3/10/59-Pub. II.**—The President has learnt with the deepest regret of the death at Shillong on Saturday the 22nd August, 1959, of Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam. By his passing away, India has lost not only an efficient and popular Governor but also an eminent judge and a true nationalist.

Born on September 19, 1886, Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali received his school education at the London Mission School, Banaras, and graduated from Muir Central College, Allahabad. He was called to the Bar from the Middle Temple, London, in 1912. He practised as a Barrister at Chapra and later at Patna till 1924. He was appointed judge of the Patna High Court in 1928 and became its permanent Chief Justice in 1943. He was a Judge of the Federal Court of India from 1947 to January, 1950, and a Judge of the Supreme Court of India from 1950 to 1952.

During his distinguished judicial career of 24 years, Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali held a number of other important assignments also. He represented India as a delegate to the Second Session of the United Nations General Assembly at New York in September, 1947, and was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee of the Assembly during that Session. He served as Governor of Orissa from 1952 to 1954. He was appointed Chairman of the States Reorganisation Commission and in recognition of his meritorious service to the country was awarded Padma Vibhushan in January, 1956. He has been Governor of Assam since May, 1956.

In the death of Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali, the country has suffered an irreparable loss. For some time his health had been poor; notwithstanding this, he courageously bore the burden of his office up to the very last and will be long remembered for his wise guidance, his humanity and devoted service to the country.

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Secy. to the Govt. of India.